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SUBJECT: BERLIN LANDING RIGHTS

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1. EMBASSY SHOULD CONTINUE TO INSIST THAT AUA AND SAS SHOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO GIVE UP WEST BERLIN LANDING RIGHTS AT SAME TIME ALLIES GRANT THEM TO THY AND KLM. WE ARE PREPARED, HOWEVER, TO CONSIDER COMPROMISE ALONG LINES OF FRENCH PROPOSAL (PARA 2 REFTEL), BUT ONLY ON CONDITION THAT AUSTRIANS AND DANES ARE GIVEN MINIMUM OF ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF ALLIED GRANT OF LANDING RIGHTS TO KLM AND THY IN WHICH TO SECURE OVERFLIGHTS FROM GDR. IF SAS OR AUA OBTAIN OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS FROM GDR WITHIN THAT ONE YEAR PERIOD THEY SHOULD THEN BE GIVEN ONE
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ADDITIONAL YEAR TO BEGIN EXERCISING THOSE RIGHTS. WE

ARE NOT IN ANY CASE PREPARED TO ACCEPT MARCH 1975 AS
TERMINATION DATE FOR AUA AND SAS LANDING RIGHTS.

2. IN PRESENTING DEPARTMENT'S POSITION EMBASSY SHOULD
EXPRESS HOPE THAT UK WILL NOT BASE ITS DECISIONS ON
POTENTIAL INTERNATIONAL AIR LINKS TO BERLIN SOLELY ON
BASIS OF NATIONAL ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS, BUT WILL BE
GUIDED AS WELL BY PSYCHOLOGICAL, POLITICAL, AND COMMERCIAL
DESIRABILITY OF LANDING RIGHTS FOR BERLIN AND BERLINERS.
MOREOVER, UK WILL STILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS ITS
VIEW ON NUMBER OF NON-TRIPARTITE FLIGHTS WHICH BERLIN

AVIATION MARKET CAN SUPPORT ON COMMERCIALLY COMPETITIVE
BASIS IN CAA FORUM IF AND WHEN NON-ALLIED AIRCRAFT
ACTUALLY OBTAIN GDR OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS AND MAKE APPLI-
CATION TO BEGIN SCHEDULED SERVICE.

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